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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Tsuyoshi YOKOTA, et al.

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ORDER ALLOCATION MANAGEMENT METHOD For:

AND ORDER ALLOCATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Art Unit: 3627

Examiner: Florian M. Zeender

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Respectfully submitted, HOGAN & HARTSON L.L.P.

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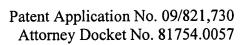
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the office communication dated September 1, 2004, and in further response to the restriction requirement mailed May 3, 2004, the period for response to which is extended by four months by the enclosed petition to October 3, 2004.

Election of Invention I

Applicant elects for prosecution the invention of Group I, claims 1-5 and 6-38, drawn to an order allocation management method.

Election of Species I

Applicant elects for prosecution species I, on which claims 1-5 and 6-22 are readable.

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Any fees due in connection with this response, including the fees for a four month extension of time, may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

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